

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 10, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Courthouse

BOARD MEMBERS:

Commissioner Phil Dodd
Commissioner Craig Harris
Commissioner Steve Pearcy
Commissioner Chantho Sourinbo
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Wayne Blair
Chairman Mike Kusch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Ketron
Steve Sandlin
Tanya Bell
Merry Hickerson
Ashley McDonald
Steve Baughron
Sonya Stephenson

Doug Demosi
Mac Nolen
Mike Hughes
Rachel Lehew
Jay Bradley
Carl Bering
Bricke Murfree

Chairman Kusch presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. with seven members present.

MINUTES:

“Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Ashley McDonald advised the Committee that the Recycle, Rutherford, Right PSA is doing great and the viewership is excellent. Ms. McDonald stated she had been in contact with the Assistant Dean of Public Relations at MTSU and will be working with them on various projects concerning Rutherford County's recycling efforts. Ms. McDonald announced that Earth Day is April 25, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Ms. McDonald inquired about forming a Community Advisory Board for Recycling that would work with leaders in the area, Commissioners and citizens of Rutherford County. She also suggested Community Clean-Up Days for Commissioners and Employees to get out and do their part by cleaning a section of road. Chairman Kusch commented he liked the idea and would be interested in participating. Chairman Kusch inquired if the Landfill budget would need a line item to help with cost.

Chairman Kusch announced that standing Committees are normally not open to public comments however, Commissioner Pearcy had requested if Carl Bering could speak. Chairman Kusch introduced Carl Bering and informed him he had 3 minutes to make any comments.

Mr. Carl Bering addressed the Committee on a resolution to stop the use of plastic bags in Rutherford County and distributed copies of the resolution.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Merry Hickerson with the Rutherford County Highway Department addressed the Committee and presented drainage easement documents for approval. Following discussion,

“Commissioner Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the drainage easement as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Merry Hickerson presented the R.O.W. for the Tan Oaks Property for approval. Following discussion,

“Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, to approve the R.O.W for the Tan Oaks property as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

Tanya Bell presented the February 2020 Building Codes Report for use and information. Following discussion,

“Commissioner Harris moved, seconded by Commissioner Percy, to approve the Building Codes Report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Ms. Bell, at the request of Commissioner Harris, compiled a document comparing the development tax to using the \$1.00 a square foot option. Ms. Bell presented and reviewed the requested information to the Committee. The documents listed the amounts and showed that if Rutherford County should decide to go with this other option the revenue collected would be \$801,000 more. Ms. Bell also reviewed the procedures and guideline for the option. Commissioner Harris advised this option would cause a cash flow problem for Rutherford County. Following discussion,

Chairman Kusch thanked Ms. Bell for the fantastic research.

Ms. Bell presented her budget to the Committee for use and information. This presentation is a first draft. Mayor Ketron will present the budget recommendations later.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the February 2020 Lot Inventory and commented on the robust activity within Rutherford County and stated there were no rezoning request at this time. Following discussion,

“Commissioner Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the Planning & Engineering report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Doug Demosi and Mike Hughes presented the Planning and Engineering budget to the Committee for use and information. Following discussion,

Chairman Kusch called for a five (5) minute recess. (7:28-7:33)

LANDFILL:

Mac Nolen addressed the Committee and presented the 2020 Annual Inflation Adjustment for the Landfill to the Committee. Following discussion,

“Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, to approve the Annual Inflation Adjustment as presented and forward to budget. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Mr. Nolen announced the Household Hazardous Waste Spring Event is scheduled for April 4, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. until Noon. The event will not accept paint or electronics.

Mr. Nolen presented the Landfill Report and the Convenience Center Report for use and information to the Committee. Following discussion,

“Commissioner Harris moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Landfill and Convenience Center Reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Mr. Nolen announced the hiring of a Convenience Center Coordinator, Tony Underwood and two (2) driver vacancies.

LITTER FINES:

Last month, Mayor Ketron presented the TSA guidelines and fines for litter in Tennessee and requested that each Committee member to review, make suggestions and move forward with enforcing these litter fines in Rutherford County. Following discussion,

Mayor Ketron advised he would check with the State Attorney to confirm the guidelines and fines.

Chairman Kusch advised he would be happy to contact Judge Eischeid and request her presence at the next meeting.

Chairman Kusch then questioned, if the Resolution mentioned earlier should be forwarded to budget.

“Commissioner Harris moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the resolution of support and forward to the full Commission. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

OTHER BUSINESS:

March 17, 2020 at 11:30 AM is the Infrastructure Select meeting.

March 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM is the Public Works Solid Waste meeting.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Kusch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Mike Kusch, Chairman

Steve Percy, Co-Chairman